



Neighbourhood Streets Pilot Policy

The City of Calgary is testing a Neighbourhood Streets Pilot Policy with the goal of creating streets where neighbours of all ages and abilities can connect and have access to safe, comfortable travel options.

The new policy replaces Calgary's 2003 Traffic Calming Policy and:

- Reflects today's values
- Introduces new toolkits like resident-led activation and pilots or street labs
- Explores opportunities for shared decision making
- Calls for an equitable intake process
- Looks for more opportunities to collaborate and find efficiencies

Why is testing the policy so important?

The old version wasn't working. There were large parts of Calgary that never saw traffic calming improvements and projects were taking long. Engagement was lacking opportunities for neighbours to understand each other's needs and abilities. Before asking Council to approve the new version, we want to see whether it addresses these shortcomings.

Testing the pilot policy allows us to:

- Learn the best approach to collaborate for successful neighbourhood streets through conversations and installations
- Provide inclusive engagement to determine community needs and shared decision making
- Test how different tools can be applied by both citizens and The City to address community needs
- Improve how we intake and prioritize future projects

Suggestions for sharing Neighbourhood Street concerns

While we test the new policy on nine projects of different size and scope we will not be initiating any new traffic calming requests. That said, The City is still listening to resident concerns that we can follow up on at a time when funding allows.

- When you submit concerns through 311 try to describe the problem you are experiencing (i.e. I feel unsafe crossing the street here, there is a missing sidewalk on this block) instead of the solution you wish to see.
- Consider hosting a survey through a community group or Community Association to see what the priorities might be for everyone living in your neighbourhood.
- Complete the Explore Your Street [survey](#) where you can evaluate blocks individually, as a group or by asking kids at your local schools to share their experiences.
- You can look at The City's [open data](#) to learn if speeding might be a problem in your community. While traffic calming is not always the right solution (few streets in Calgary have speeding), the Neighbourhood Streets website has other ideas on how to enhance your community.
- Stay tuned for opportunities to engage on the future of neighbourhood streets in Calgary at [Calgary.ca/engage](https://calgary.ca/engage).